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Dr
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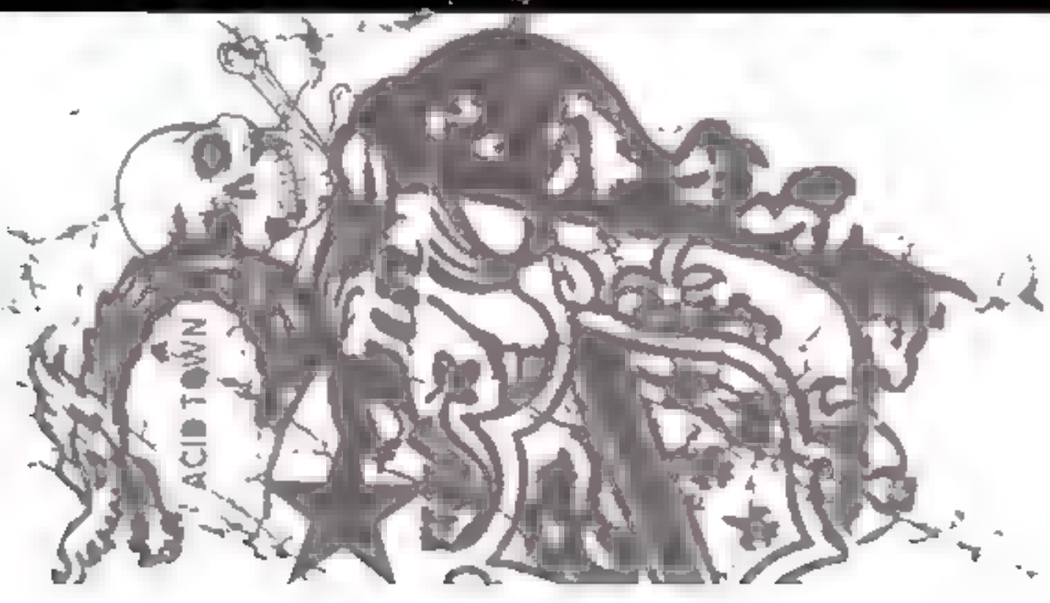

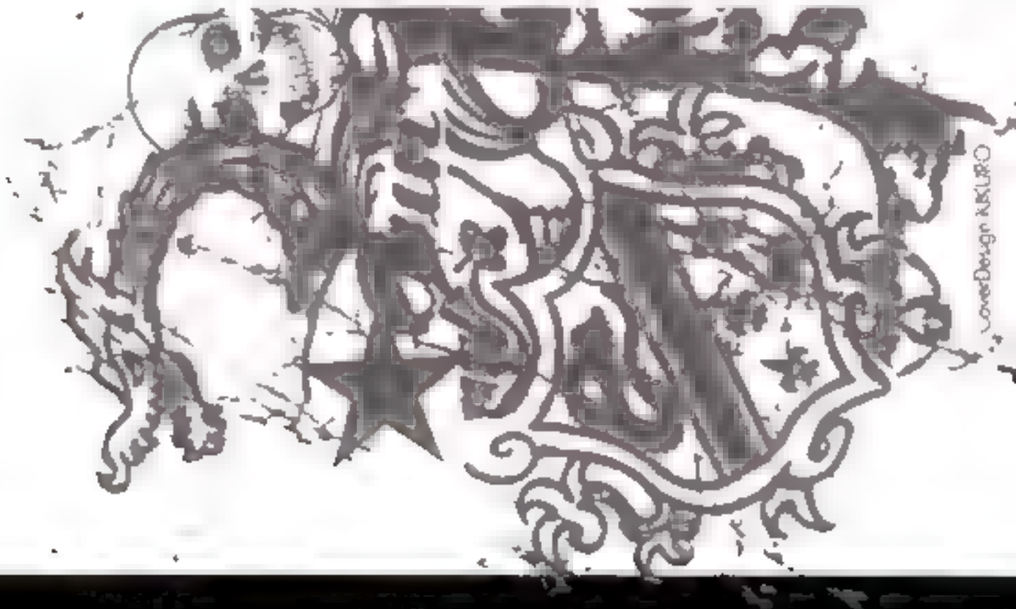

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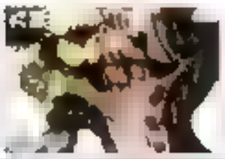

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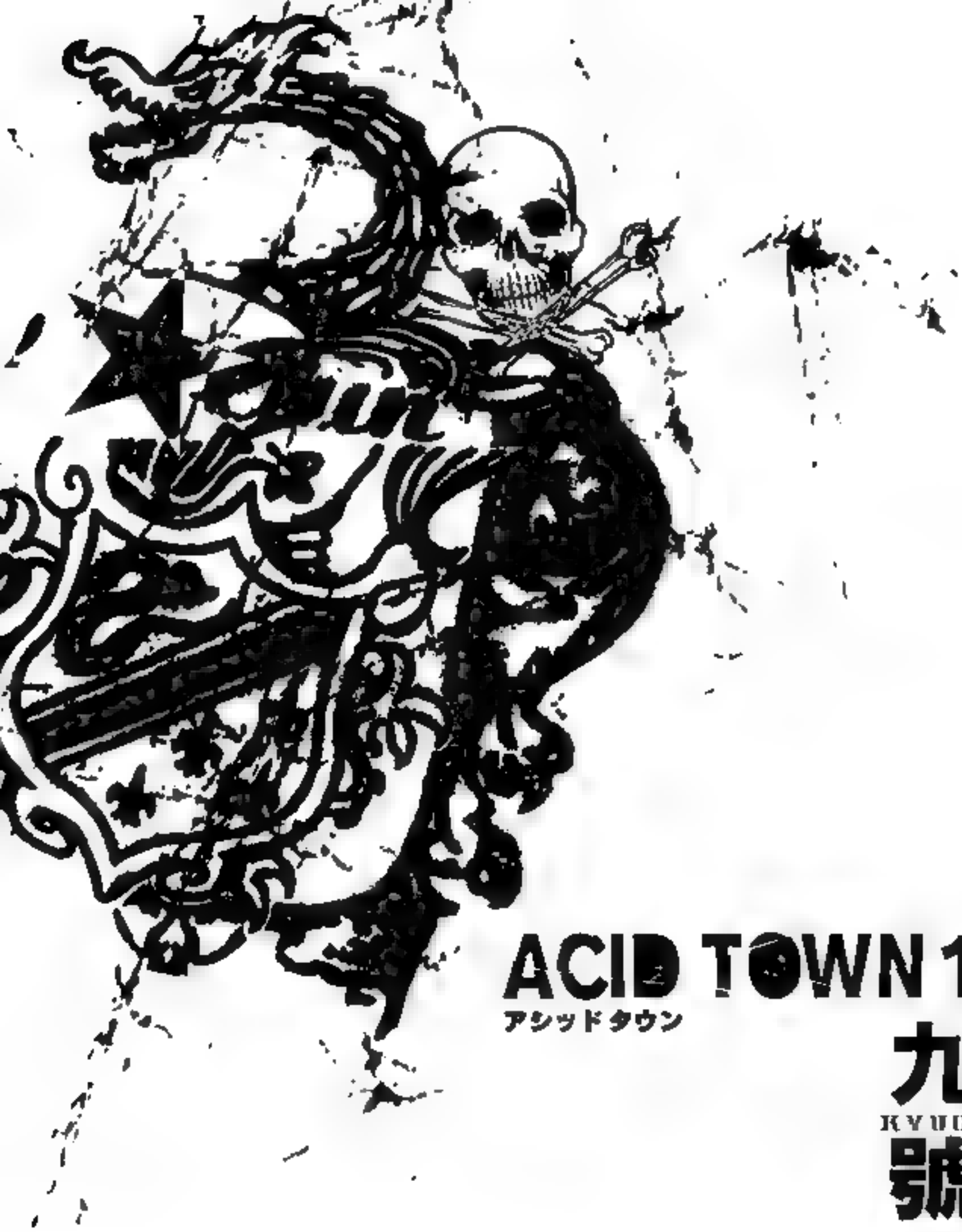

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INTRODUCING YUKIO AND TETSU.
WHO WERE LEADING A PEACEFUL
IF LAWLESS EXISTENCE IN THE SLUMS

THAT IS. UNTIL THEY UNWITTINGLY
STUMBLED INTO THE PATH OF ONE
POWERFUL GANG LEADER BY THE NAME OF...

PRESENTING THE START OF THE LONG-AWAITED
GRITTY TALE OF YUKIO AND TETSU!

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九號

PRESENTING THE FIRST THREE PAGES IN COLOR
IN COMMEMORATION OF THE FIRST CHAPTER
OF A NEW SERIALIZATION!

TRYING TO BREAK N HERE TO STEAL STUFF

BOSS, I CAUGHT THESE TWO BRATS

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CONSIDER THIS YOUR LUCKY DAY, BOYS

UH.

HMM. VERY INTERES-TING

THE NAME'S HYODO. IT'LL DO YOU GOOD TO REMEMBER THAT.

FOR TODAY IS THE DAY YOUR LIVES BECOME MINE...

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THERE'S 0.5 GRAMS IN HERE YOU OWE ME THIRTY GRAND.

HERE

T-THIRTY GRAND?!

YOU'RE KIDDING! THERE'S JACK SHIT IN THERE!

MAN, YOU RE CRAZY IF YOU THINK WE'RE GONNA COUGH UP SO MUCH FOR JUST THAT

..THAT IT'S EXTREMELY HARD TO EVEN GET *JACK SHIT* WHEN IT COME TO THIS BABY HERE

I'LL HAVE YOU KNOW...

I CAN PRETTY MUCH GUARANTEE THAT IT'S GONNA COST YA DOUBLE FOR LESS IF YA GET IT ELSEWHERE

GO AHEAD AND ASK AROUND IF YA DON'T BELIEVE ME

GOOD DOIN' BUSINESS WITH Y'ALL!

...

THAT WAS TOO EASY

HEH

COULD BE A GOOD THING, THOUGH

IT'S A LOT EASIER TO KICK THE HABIT WHEN IT'S JUST COLD MEDS YOU'RE ADDICTED TO

TRUE THAT

WELL, IT'S THE OBVIOUS CHOICE, SO WHY NOT RIGHT?

IT'S A CLASSIC CASE OF EATING WHAT-EVER'S IN FRONT OF YA

IF THOSE ARE WHAT'S GONNA BE DEFENDING US IN THE FUTURE,

I SHUDDER TO THINK HOW WE'RE ALL GONNA END UP

THEY LOOKED LIKE THEY WERE FROM THE GOVERN-MENT'S MILITARY ACADEMY.

...

IS IT JUST ME OR ARE THESE PRACTICE SORTIES HAPPENING MORE OFTEN THESE DAYS?

DOESN'T MATTER IF THEY ARE, DOES IT?

SCUFF

...

ROOOAAR

DON'T TELL ME THEY'RE PLANNING TO START ANOTHER WAR

IT'S GOT NOTH NG TO DO WITH LS

MAAAN,

SOME-THING REALLY STINKS HERE

...

WOW, IF I HADN'T SEEN IT, I WOULDN'T HAVE BELIEVED T

WHO KNEW THAT SWINE COULD ACTUALLY TALK?

HAHA!

WHAZZA?!

SLIDE

HEEEY, LOOK! IF IT SN'T YUKIO NOW THAT EXPLAINS WHY THIS PLACE SMELLS LIKE A DUMP

WHY DON CHA DO US ALL A FAVOR AND GO BACK TO THE SHITHOLE YOU CAME FROM, HUH?

OH YEAH,

THEY'RE THE ONES WHO BROKE INTO THE SEIDOU-KAI'S TURF, I THINK

WHAT'S THAT?

THE NAME SUCKS THOUGH

Huh

HEY, YA DEAF OR SUMTHIN'? I THOUGHT I TOLDJA TO WATCH THAT MOUTH O' YOURS!

THE SNAKES?

Hiss

YA BETTER WATCH THAT MOUTH O' YOURS,

'COS I'M TELLIN' YA, IT WON'T BE PRETTY IF YA PISS US OFF

QUIVER

QUIVER

WE'RE PART O' THE SNAKES AS O' YESTERDAY YA PISS US OFF, YA PISS *THEM* OFF

SURE DID. NOW THAT'S SOMETHING TO WRITE HOME ABOUT

HAHA. YOU HEARD THAT? THE SWINE HAVE BECOME THE SNAKES' BITCHES. OR SHOULD I SAY, SOWS?

TOSS

SHUFFLE

SHUFFLE

YOU—!!

...!!

OUR BOSS IS NAKAMOTO-SAN AND YA DON'T WANNA MESS WITH HIM 'COS HE'S ONE MEAN MUTHA...

PRETTY SOON, YA AIN'T GONNA BE ABLE T'SURVIVE EVEN IN THIS DINKY LIL' IMMIGRANT TOWN I'D START PACKIN' IF I WERE YA.

REACH

I'LL TEACH YA T'LISTEN—!

OOPS

!!!

SORRY OLD HABITS DIE HARD

U

UG

UGHH.

DODGE

SWERVE

UH.

WHOA!

K-

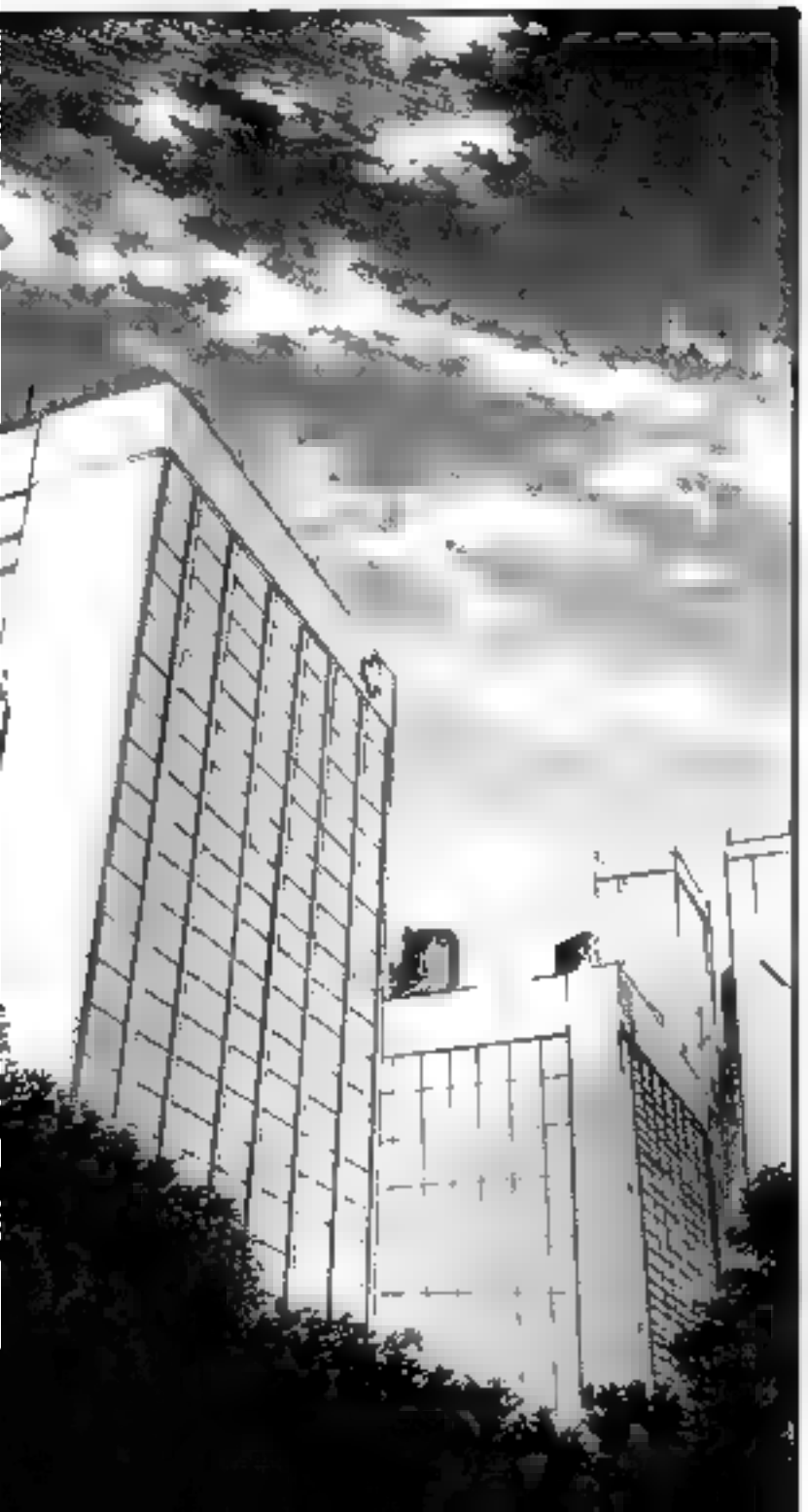
KEN-CHAN!

WHAT HE SAID.

WE DON'T GIVE A FLYING FUCK

SNAKES, SWINE OR WHATEVER THE HELL YOU STINKERS CALL YOURSELVES THESE DAYS GET THIS

AAANY-WAY



...

EVEN SWINE NEED A LITTLE BIT OF THAT.

STILL, BEST OF LUCK TO Y'ALL

FUCK!

I'LL KILL THOSE LIL' FUCKERS ONE OF THESE DAYS!

KEN-CHAN

RATTLE

!

GYOOM

Aw

NIICHAN!

TETCHAN!

YO!

JUN, IT'S US.

HEYAZ

THUD

AAANY-WAYS HERE YA GO.

HOT OFF THE SHELF

I ALMOST THOUGHT YOU GUYS WOULDN'T SHOW UP TODAY

WE HAD SOME STUFF WE NEEDED TO TAKE CARE OF

YEAH SORRY 'BOUT THAT

YOU REALLY LOVE YOUR BOOKS, HUH?

ME, I CAN'T STAND 'EM. JUST FIVE MIN-UTES AND THEY'LL HAVE ME UNDER

S'NO PROB-LEM.

HEY, TH S IS JUST WHAT I WANTED!

THANKS NIICHAN!

Hahaha!

You'll fall asleep? Are you serious?

Yeah. They get me every time. Five minutes and not a second more.

You're kidding!

HA.

Haha...

...

C'MON, YOU CAN TELL ME.

WHAT IS IT?

SOME-THING WRONG?

OH!

UM, NO.

...

NIICHAN

I THINK I'M WELL ENOUGH TO BE DISCHARGED NOW

clink

EVERYTHING'S BEEN IMPROVING LATELY AND THE DRUGS ALL SEEM TO BE WORKING

I REALLY WANT TO STAY WITH YOU TWO. CAN'T I?

!

W-WELL. NOT IN SO MANY WORDS.

WHICH MEANS HE DIDN'T SAY IT SO MY ANSWER'S STILL NO.

BUT THE MONEY—!

...

SO.

DID THE DOC SAY THAT?

AH!

EEEP

ERRR

WHAT I MEANT WAS.

UH.

IS THAT WHAT'S GOT YOU SO WORRIED?

DIDN'T I ALREADY SAY TO LEAVE THE MONEY THING TO ME?

YEAH, BUT

..

CREAK

THEN I

SQUEEZE

BUT IF IT'S BECOME TOO MUCH FOR YOU, THEN

DON'T FORGET, I HAVE TETSU AND THE OTHERS RIGHT WITH ME

SO YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT ANYTHING

!

RUB

DON'T BE SILLY

WE'VE ALREADY BEEN THROUGH THE WORST AND WE BOTH SURVIVED, DIDN'T WE?

AND 'SIDES,

THE GUY WHO'S PAYING YOUR HOSPITAL BILLS? HIM AND ME, WE'RE REAL TIGHT

SO ALL YOU NEED TO THINK ABOUT IS GETTING BETTER,

OKAY?

MAN, I NEVER WOULD'VE GUESSED JUN WOULD COME OUT AND SAY ALL THOSE THINGS.

THAT'S IT YOU AIN'T GONNA BE ABLE TO STOP

ONCE YOU START THINKING ABOUT HOW BAD IT IS,

IT'S THE SAME FOR EVERY-ONE.

DON'T YOU THINK?

GEEZ, WHAT A MESS

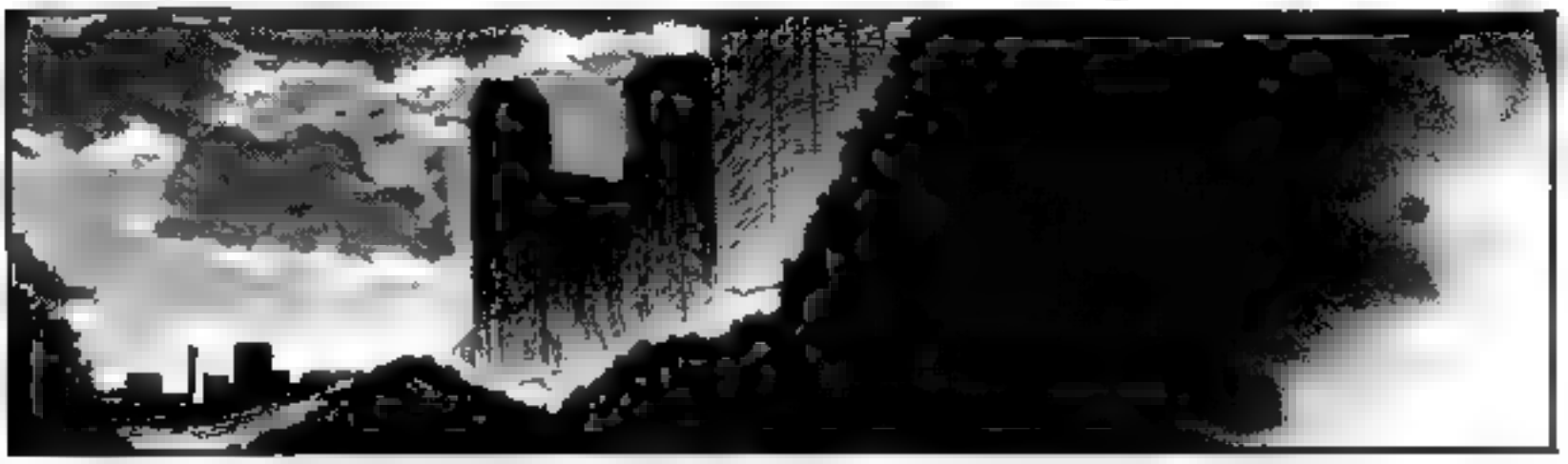
YUKI

HUH?

YOU REALLY FLY WITH THINGS THE WAY THEY ARE NOW?

YOU ACTUALLY PLANNING ON LETTING THAT DUDE KEEP TREATING YOU LIKE SOME EXOTIC PET?

ARE YOU SERIOUSLY GOING TO LIVE WITH THAT?



WHAT?!
YEAH, I AM

AND JUN JUN IS THAT "SOMETHING" TO ME

IF GIVING MY EVERYTHING IS WHAT IT TAKES, I WON'T HESITATE, NOT EVEN FOR A SECOND.

THAT'S WHAT IT MEANS TO HAVE SOMETHING YOU'D GIVE YOUR LIFE TO KEEP SAFE

FOR HIM,

I'D DO ANYTHING. *ANYTHING* BAR NONE.

RING

CLICK

Club Guzzluff How may I serve you?

WHY, HELLO THERE. THIS IS NAKAMOTO SPEAKING I'D LIKE TO SPEAK TO YOUR BOSS.

RING

YES, TELL HIM IT'S FROM NAKAMOTO.

SCUFF

WHA ?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN I'M NOT ON THE LIST?

RING

JUST TELL HIM THE COBRA'S CALLING

HE'LL KNOW WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT

IN THAT CASE..

I'M GOING THIS WAY

...YEAH, I KNOW

CLANK

I CAN SULK AS MUCH AS I WANT

BESIDES THIS S HOW I LOOK ALL THE TIME ANYWAY.

WOULD YA QUIT SULKING ALREADY?

SULK

...

YO TETSUSHI!

THANKS, MAN

...

SKIP

step
step
step

Guzzlaff

WHAT'S THE HEAD OF THE RUGRATS WANT WITH ME?

Are you Hyodo?

Huh You sound like a ad es man. Who would've thunk?

Heh

Woo, I'm shakin'
But then I wouldn't
expect any less
from the top-brass
of the Seidoukai

Quite
the hotshot,
aren't ya?
But I am caring
about another
matter

WERE
YOU RAISED
IN A
SEWER?

IS THAT
ANY WAY
TO TALK TO
SOMEONE
WHOSE TURF
YOU INVADED?

!!

startle

SO I WAS
WONDERING
HOW WE CAN
MAKE IT UP
TO THE
SEIDOUKAI

GRUNT

IN FACT,
I HAVE ONE
OF THE
UPSTARTS IN
QUESTION
RIGHT HERE

NOW
I CAN
EXPLAIN

YOU SEE
A GROUP OF
OUR YOUNGER
RECRUITS FELT
LIKE THEY HAD
SOMETHING
TO PROVE
FOR SOME
UNFATHOMABLE
REASON AND
ACTED WITHOUT
ORDERS,

WE THOUGHT WE'D ASK YOU HOW YOU'D LIKE FOR US TO FINISH HIM OFF.

IT WOULD ONLY BE RIGHT THAT YOU GET TO CHOOSE

slide

It's infinitely more beneficial to small-timers like us.

.. to maintain a friendly relationship with big fishes like yourself

GORAPE

If possible.

we'd really like to avoid a confrontation with you folks from the Sedoukai.

So, shall we begin with the head and work our way down?

Or would you rather we scoop the eyes out with a spoon first?

What would you have us do? Name it and it's as good as done

To start a war over trivial matters such as this is out of the question for us

Did you think that this is a it takes to settle the score between us?

NO, OF COURSE NOT DO YOU THINK I CAME INTO THIS LINE OF BUSINESS YESTERDAY?

SIMPLY PUT, THIS IS MERELY MY WAY OF KEEPING OUR RECRUITS IN LINE

Mmph!

Mmph!

Mmph!

press

HM?

HEL-LOOO? ARE YOU STILL THERE?

Mmph!

Mmph!

CAN YOU HEAR ME, HYODO-SAN?

I'm thinking of paying you a visit one of these days soon. If you'll have me that is.

I won't be coming empty-handed, of course.

SO? WHAT DO YOU SAY?

DO AS YOU LIKE

bup
bup
bup
bup
bup
bup
bup
bup

WELL,
HERE I AM.

HUP!

CLANK

SPLASH

OH!

SPLASH SPLASH

SLAM

HEY, DON'T YOU WANT SOMETHING TO EAT?

STOMP

STOMP

STOMP

I'M GOOD

BUT ...!

BUT ANIKI'S ALREADY MADE YOUR SHA—

!

...

WELCOME BACK, TETSU!

WHERE'S YUKES? HOW COME HE'S NOT WITH YOU?

WHO THE HELL DOES HE THINK HE S?!

PISSED OFF

THANKS, MAN.

...

...
FUCK

THAT'S WHAT IT MEANS TO HAVE SOMETHING YOU'D GIVE YOUR LIFE TO KEEP SAFE

IF GIVING MY EVERYTHING IS WHAT IT TAKES, I WON'T HESITATE NOT EVEN FOR A SECOND

AND JUN.. JUN IS THAT "SOMETHING" TO ME.

IF THAT'S THE WAY YOU WANNA PUT IT,

YOU ARE THAT "SOMETHING",

THEN TO ME.

YUKI

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TAP

...

CREAK

MAKE YOUR MOVE ALREADY

...

WHAT IS IT?

IT'S YOUR TURN.

...

...

SHOGI

ROLL

!

B-

HANDA SHLSH.

NOT THIS AGAIN! WHAT THE HELL'S YOUR PROBLEM, K D?!

BUT, BOSS, THIS KID'S

...

HOW LONG ARE YOU PLANNING TO KEEP UP TH S POINTLESS SHIT?

"POINTLESS SHIT", HUH

YOU DON'T SEEM TO KNOW WHAT YOUR PLACE IS.

NOW LISTEN CLOSE

UNTIL I SAY SO, YOU DON'T GET TO ASK QUESTIONS AND YOU DON'T GET TO CHOOSE

...

"POINTLESS SHIT" OR NOT, THAT'S FOR ME TO DECIDE UNDERSTOOD?

...

...

THIS IS SO FREAKIN' LAME!

CRASH

...

HOW ABOUT YOU PLAY PROPERLY FOR ONCE BEFORE MOUTHING OFF?

TAP

TAP

PISSED

IF YOU'RE GONNA KILL ME, WHY NOT JUST DO IT AND GET IT OVER WITH? AT LEAST THIS WAY, I DON'T HAVE TO SUFFER THIS SHIT ANYMORE

TAP

I MEAN, THIS IS THE THIRD GOD-DAMN TIME YOU'VE ASKED ME TO COME SINCE WE MADE OUR AGREEMENT

AND ALL WE'VE EVER DONE IS PLAY CHESS AND SHOGI

IF THIS IS ALL WE'RE EVER GONNA DO,

I SERIOUSLY DON'T SEE ANY POINT IN KEEPING THIS UP

AT

...

IS THIS SOME SICK HOBBY OF YOURS OR SOMETHING?

hehe

'CAUSE IT'S EITHER THAT OR YOU'RE REALLY BORED OR JUST PLAIN WEIRD

I MEAN, WHAT DO YOU GET OUTTA PICKING UP STRAYS LIKE ME ANYWAY?

I'M NOT SURE HOW I'M SUPPOSED TO FEEL, BUT IT SURE SEEMS LIKE YOU'RE BAITING ME SOMEHOW

BUT THEN AGAIN,

YOU REALLY DON'T KNOW THE MEANING OF THE WORD "FEAR," DO YOU? MOST PEOPLE IN YOUR SHOES WOULD BE SHAKING IN THEM BY NOW

I SUPPOSE I LIKE THAT ABOUT YOU.

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU GETTING AT?!

THAT'S JUST FREAKIN' CREEPY!

RALLIE

WH—

...

IF MR SUAVE OVER THERE DOESN'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH IT, THAT S.

HEY, WHERE DO YA THINK YOU'RE GOING, K D?!

HEY, I SAID!!

HOME! WHERE DOES IT LOOK LIKE I'M GOING?!

...

...

DO AS YOU WISH

!

SLAM

!!

RATTLE

...

seeeethe

FUCKIN' KID...!!

REALLY, NOW

hehe

THAT STRONG WILL OF H S IS SO MUCH LIKE HERS. .

...

AND DUDE, THAT FREAKIN GOATEE OF HIS JUST FRIGGIN PISSES ME OFF

HE'S JUST FREAKIN' PLAYING WITH ME!

WHO THE HELL DOES HE THINK HE S?!

FUCK!

Splash

TCH!

ARE YOU REALLY THAT HARD UP FOR CASH?

OR S THIS THE KIND OF SILLY PRANK YOU KIDS LIKE TO PULL THESE DAYS? BECAUSE F IT S, NO ONE'S LAUGHING

...

SPEAK UP NOW

BUT LUCKY FOR YOU WE'RE ALL WILLING TO HEAR YOU OUT

AND SINCE I CAN'T IMAGINE ANYONE WHO'D GO THIS FAR JUST FOR SHITS AND GIGGLES SO—

Twitch

ST KILL JS.

I'M SORRY?

NOBODY ASKED FOR YOUR GODDAMN MERCY!

IF YOU WANNA KILL US, JUST GODDAMN DO IT!

JUST BLOW OUR HEADS OFF! IT'S EASY FOR YOU, RIGHT?!

JUMP

YUKI! NO!

SMACK

FRIGGING UPSTARTS LIKE YOU DON'T KNOW THE FIRST THING ABOUT US

SO DON'T BLOODY TALK AS IF YOU DO!!

...

YUKI

YUKI!

TAP

YOU DON'T SEEM TO FULLY GRASP THE KIND OF SITUATION YOU'RE CURRENTLY IN

I SUGGEST YOU TRY

SLIDE

I'VE CHANGED MY MIND

IF YOU WANT TO MEET YOUR MAKER SO BADLY,

THEN I'LL SHOW YOU THE WAY, JUST LIKE YOU WANT

JUST AS EASY AS IT IS FOR YOU TO DIE RIGHT HERE AND NOW

YOU'RE RIGHT IT'S EASY

?!

TETSU?!

...

BLOCK

PLEASE IGNORE HIM! HE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT HE'S SAYING! HE'S GOT A VERY SICK LITTLE BROTHER, YA SEE,

WE HEARD RUMORS ABOUT THERE BEING A VAULT FULL OF CASH HERE,

AND HE NEEDS TO BE HOSPITALIZED BUT WE DON'T HAVE THE MONEY FOR IT, SEE?

AND THAT THERE WERE CERTAIN TIMES OF THE DAY WHEN SECURITY ISN'T AS TIGHT AND THAT'S ALL! THAT'S WHY WE TARGETED TH S PLACE!

...

HUH?

SLICE

SEE THAT WASN'T SO HARD NOW, WAS IT? NOW YOU GET TO LIVE TO SEE ANOTHER DAY. YOU CAN THANK YOUR FOUR-EYED FRIEND FOR THAT, BY THE WAY

HE SO TOTALLY MANIPU-LATED US"

THAT BASTARD!

SMIRK

I SEE SO THAT'S HOW IT IS

IT EXPLAINS WHY YOU NEED MONEY THAT CAN'T BE TRACED BACK TO ITS SOURCE

TAP

THE MONEY

I'LL GIVE IT TO YOU

HUH?

ALL RIGHT, THEN

?

IF I RECALL CORRECTLY, YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO BE ON WATCH TONIGHT. IF I TAKE THEIR LIVES, WOULDN'T IT BE FAIR FOR ME TO TAKE YOURS, TOO?

AFTER YOU'VE GIVEN ME YOUR LITTLE FINGER, THAT IS.

...

B-BOSS!

ARE YOU SURE? I MEAN, WHY GO TO SUCH LENGTHS—

TRY LOOKING AT THE BIG PICTURE, HANDA. THESE KIDS ARE AMATEURS. SO HOW IN THE WORLD DID THEY MANAGE TO SNEAK IN AT ALL?

SO YOU EITHER COME ON BOARD,

OR TURN AROUND AND GO BACK WHERE YOU CAME FROM.

IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW WRETCHED YOUR LIFE IS,

TAP

IT'S HOW YOU CHOOSE TO LIVE IT THAT MAKES THE DIFFERENCE

CHOOSE

TAP

TAP

TAP

TAP

I'M GETTING ON.

HOLD ON.

ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS? DO YOU REALLY KNOW WHAT YOU'RE GETTING YOURSELF INTO?!

IF YOU DO THIS, YOU'RE GONNA END UP LITERALLY BITING THE BULLET EVENTUALLY, YA KNOW?!

?!

YUKI??!

WHAT, YOU THINK I DON'T ALREADY KNOW THAT?

THERE'S NO TIME LEFT..

..FOR JUN OR FOR ME.

...

THERE'S

...

THIS IS WHERE I GET TO TURN MY LIFE AROUND. IS THAT IT?

SO WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS,

ALONE

SHOW UP HERE ALONE, ONCE A WEEK, WITHOUT FAIL.

ONCE A WEEK.

WE'LL DECIDE WHAT TO DO WITH YOU ONCE YOU HAVE PROVEN YOURSELF CAPABLE

YOU MAY CONSIDER THIS YOUR VERY FIRST JOB FROM ME PERFORMING WELL.

I JUST DON'T GET THIS GUY.

...

AND I ALWAYS END UP PLAYING INTO HIS HANDS EXACTLY THE WAY HE WANTS ME TO

BUT SOMEHOW, HE MANAGES TO TOTALLY GET HIS WAY EACH AND EVERY TIME

WHAT THE FUCK'S THAT SUP-POSED TO MEAN?!

...

SWING

FUCK!

"I SUPPOSE I LIKE THAT ABOUT YOU."

"...BUT THEN AGAIN"

ALL THE LOSERS I'VE MET UP 'TIL NOW

HE'S JUST TOO DIFFERENT

...

THIS IS ALL TOO NEW FOR ME.

ARE
NOTHING
LIKE HIM

click

HERE
YOU GO.
EAT UP

RATTLE

FAUST

OPEN 10:00 - 23:00

RATTLE

AND
YOU HAD
BETTER
FINISH
EVERY-
THING,
OR ELSE
♡

...

UM.
THANKS
I
THINK

OH YEAH, YOU GOT HOME PRETTY LATE LAST NIGHT, DIDN'T YA, YUKI?

THAT'S RIGHT!

AND YOU DIDN'T COME BACK TOGETHER WITH TETSU LIKE YOU ALWAYS DO.

NOW I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S WHY, BUT THIS GUY HERE WAS IN A SUPER PISSY MOOD LAST NIGHT

A girl has to wonder why...

OH HERE'S YOUR GLASS OF WATER

RIKO! COULD YOU, LIKE, JUST SHUT YOUR TRAP OR SOME-THING?!

CLUNK

...

HUH?

...

COME TO THINK OF IT,

THIS SEEMS TO BE HAPPEN-ING MORE OFTEN THAN IT USED TO.

YEAH, WELL...

I JUST HAD SOME DIRTY BUSI-NESS TO TAKE CARE OF

IT'S NOTHING BIG SO DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT

IF YOU NEED TO TALK,

WE'LL ALWAYS BE HERE TO LISTEN YOU KNOW THAT, RIGHT?

WHOA!

...

IF IT'S HELP YOU NEED, AND IT'S WITHIN OUR MEANS TO GIVE IT YOU CAN ALWAYS DEPEND ON US OKAY?

WH CH MEANS

YOU'RE GETT NG WAAAY TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT!

RATTLE

...

HEY! BACK OFF!

Thud

OWIE!

YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO BEAR EVERYTHING ON THOSE THIN SHOULDERS OF YOURS ALONE NOW, YA HEAR?

THAT'S NOT FAIR! I'M SURE EVERY PERSON ON EARTH IS A LITTLE DEVIANT IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, SO WHY SINGLE ME OUT?

RIKO!

THAT'S 'CAUSE IN YOUR CASE, IT'S NOT A LITTLE. IT'S A LOT!

...

MAN OH MAN HERE WE GO AGAIN

?!

Stop calling you my sister?!

Pervs? Mo,?!

SAWO WHAT AN IDIOT

Well, you deserved it.

PERVS LIKE YOU SHOULD JUST BACK OFF

Is that any way to treat your one and only brother?

YOU TOUCH ONE HAIR ON YUKI'S HEAD AND YOU CAN STOP CALLING ME YOUR SISTER

I MAY JUST BE THEIR LANDLORD BUT DON'T I HAVE THE RIGHT TO CARE, TOO?

WHAT WAS THAT FOR?

BUT I WASN'T LYING WHEN I SAID IT'S NOTHING BIG.

SO REALLY, THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY

dazed

dazed

Pinch

KANJI

HYESH!

THANKS.

I MEAN IT JUST HEARING THAT MAKES ME UNBE-LIEVABLY HAPPY

OH, I COULD JUST EAT YOU RIGHT UP!

!!!

GRAB

...

QUIVER

QUIVER

HAHAHAHA

FAUST

CREAK

CREAK

You bas tard

I SWEAR IT

UPROAR

UPROAR

SCRAPE

Oh no you don't!

HA HA, IT'S AMAZING HOW KANJI'S ALWAYS SO BOISTEROUS, ISN'T IT?

I LOVE THE GUY, ACTUALLY

ER I WOULDN'T EXACTLY CALL THAT BOISTER-OUS

It's more uh-

Please tell me you're kidding.

ER IT'S NOT WHAT YOU'RE THINKING.

I MUST BE THE LUCKIEST GUY ON EARTH TO HAVE YOU ALL

KANJI RIKO, AND YOU.

THE FACT THAT, FOR SAVING ME, I OWE YOU THREE A LOT MORE THAN MY LIFE IS WORTH.

JUN WAS MY WHOLE WORLD

BEFORE I MET YOU,

AS LONG AS I HAVE YOU GUYS, I'LL BE ALL RIGHT

AND ALL I NEEDED TO KEEP ON GOING.

HIS SMILE WAS ALL I HAD,

I DON'T REALLY KNOW HOW TO SAY THIS, BUT

I THINK I'M AS HAPPY NOW AS I COULD EVER BE

THAT HASN'T CHANGED, OF COURSE

BUT

I CAN SAY NOW THAT I HAVE MORE THAN THAT

BEING THE ONE WHO DRAGGED YOU INTO THIS MESS, I KNOW I'M THE LAST PERSON ON EARTH WHO HAS ANY RIGHT TO SAY WHAT I M ABOUT TO SAY NEXT BUT,

TETSU, YOU WORRY TOO MUCH

SERIOUSLY

SO I'LL BE ALL RIGHT

TEITO CENTRAL HOSPITAL 400M

THAT DUDE, HYODO

HE'LL KEEP H S WORD.

THAT'S SOMETHING I'M DEAD SURE OF

AND BESIDES,

AND?

WHAT HAS THAT GOT TO DO WITH ANYTHING?

THAT HASN'T CHANGED AT ALL, HAS IT? THAT'S WHAT I CAN'T STAND THE THOUGHT OF.

YOU STILL WON'T HESITATE TO SACRIFICE YOURSELF FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR BROTHER, NOT EVEN FOR A SECOND

IF PUSH COMES TO SHOVE,

WHAT ARE YOU STANDING THERE ALL SPACED OUT FOR?

I'M GONNA LEAVE YOU BEHIND, YA KNOW?

turn

IT WAS TWO YEARS AGO—

I REMEMBER THAT PAINFULLY THIN FIGURE COVERED IN DIRT

MALNOURISHED, EXHAUSTED AND CARRYING A SLEEPING CHILD IN HIS ARMS LIKE IT'S THE MOST PRECIOUS THING IN THE WORLD

THAT I FIRST MET YUKI

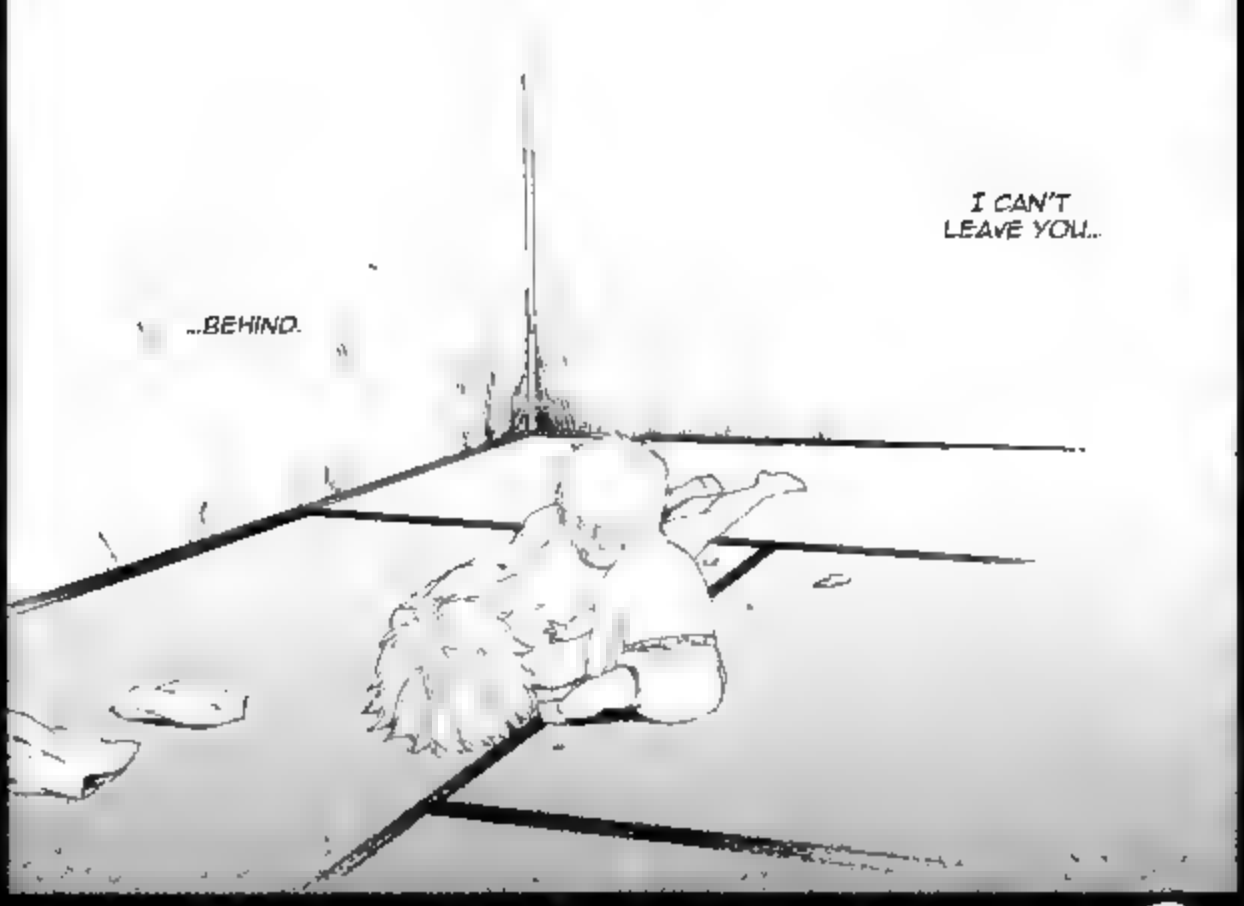
THE NATURE OF THE BLEAKNESS THAT ENCOMPASSED THE FIRST FIFTEEN YEARS OF YOUR LIFE

. IS SOMETHING THAT I STILL DO NOT KNOW

#03
MY BODY
FEELS HEAVY
ARMS
LEGS
SO HEAVY

I WANT TO JUST..
I CAN'T MOVE
I'D RATHER JUST..
DAH.
PAD
PAD
AH.

AHH.
UH
!
pat
...
pat
AGH
OH
RIGHT.



WE'RE OKAY

#03

CLICK

I'D BETTER GET GOING.
Hmm...
PLOP
WELL,
PLUG
THEN.
HUH?
REIJI.
I'LL BE FINE
BE CAREFUL.

TH S IS GONNA BE FUN.

I DO HAVE SOMEONE DOWN-STAIRS THOUGH
YES.

YOU ALONE?
...

FIRST, ABOUT THE OTHER DAY,
I WANT TO APOLOGIZE.
CUT THE CRAP
AND?
GET TO THE POINT
I DON'T HAVE ALL DAY
...
Lift

Creak
Click
?!
Click
Click
THUD
WHAT THE...
...HELP?!
HERE.

HUH?!
I-
IDIOT
LIKE ANYONE WOULD JUST TAKE IT
Aha ha.
UMM, BOSS?
HUH?
..
PWP

THESE ARE COUNTERFEIT.
...
!
ODAJIMA.
HUH?
?!
THESE ARE ALL FAKE?
WHAT?
FAKE?
GOOD ONES, BUT YES.
THESE LOOK SO REAL.
Heavy
..
!
HUH
WONDERFUL.

IF YOU COULDN'T SEE THROUGH SUCH AN EASY TRAP, THEN YOU WOULDN'T BE WORTH MUCH,
BUT YOU WERE AS GOOD AS I EXPECTED.
HYODO-SAN!
YOU ARE GOOD,
STOP IT, YOU IDOT!
DON'T EXPECT TO LEAVE HERE ALIVE!
HEY, HANDA!
H-
GRAB
YOU WANNA TRY DYING ONCE?!
WHAT THE FUCK DID YOU JUST SAY TO THE BOSS?!
SHAKE
YOU..
..

THEY SEEM TO WORSHIP YOU.
SORRY ABOUT THAT
HE'S A HOTHEAD, AND WAY TOO HONEST
SLAM
NAKAMOTO, YOU AND ME, OUTSIDE!
LET ME GO, ODAJIMA-SAN!
Gyaaaa!
DRAG
DRAG
Kick
PUNCH
Kick
HE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND BUSINESS.
YOU IDIOT!

ARE YOU TRYING TO EMBARRASS HIM?
YOU ARE SERIOUSLY...
OUCH
Thud
WE'RE GONNA KICK YOU OUT UNLESS YOU CAN CONTROL YOUR TEMPER!
CRACK
OW!
...
I CAN'T LET THAT HAPPEN!
HE WAS TESTING THE BOSS!
BUT
BUT THAT JERK...
WE ARE HIS SOLDIERS
THEN DON'T LOSE IT AGAIN!
Jump
HUH?!
SO YOU DON'T TRUST THE BOSS?
OF COURSE I DO!

I DON'T LIKE HIM EITHER,
BUT IS HE JUST A RECKLESS IDIOT,
WELL,
A SOLDIER CAN'T RUN OFF BEFORE THE BOSS!
IDIOT!
...
OR ?

WHY DON'T YOU JOIN FORCES...
WITH US?
I WILL BE DIRECT

Next up
FAUST
Mil tary researchers entered the old Yokohama Waterfront Level 1 polluted area.
Water and so. qua ties were tested
URGH
FAUST
CLANG CLING
..clo- th ng
however the surrounding area is stil highly contaminated, requiring the use of protective..
This was the fifteenth test.
I'M SO BORED
It is hoped that the quality is improv ng

CLATTER
WANT ANY-THING?
COFFEE PLEASE
ME TOO
ALL RIGHT

YO!
HEY THERE.
HEY!
COME ON N!

CLATTER
...

POUR
WE'RE WORK N' ALL PROPER LIKE,
RIGHT, YUKI?
WELL, I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S "ALL PROPER-LIKE"
YOU AREN'T DOING SOME-THING DANGER-OUS, ARE YOU?

NO CUSTO-MERS AS USUAL, HUH?
OH, SHUT UP.
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING PUTZING AROUND THIS EARLY?
WE AREN'T PUTZING.

RUMOR?

THE SNAKE?
YOU KNOW HOW A BUNCH OF KIDS THERE JOINED THE WHATCHAMACALLIT?
RIGHT! THAT'S THE ONE!

AND TALKING ABOUT DANGEROUS, HAVE YOU HEARD?
THE RUMOR ABOUT THE IMMIGRANT DISTRICT?

BUT THEY SUDDENLY STOPPED THESE LAST FEW DAYS...
EVEN THOUGH SEIDOUKAI HASN'T DONE ANYTHING

UNDER THEIR PROTECTION, THOSE KIDS HAVE BEEN MESSING AROUND IN SEIDOUKAI'S TURF
RIGHT.

WHAT'S THE POINT OF DOING THAT?

TO PRO-VOKE?

IN ORDER TO PROVOKE SEIDOUKAI

SO NOW PEOPLE THINK IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN JUST FOR SHOW.

DO YOU THINK A GROUP OF K DS WOULD DO SOMETHING THAT RECKLESS?

THAT'S MY QUESTION.

JOIN FORCES?

YES.
blow

..
LET'S NOT BRING THAT UP
I AM AWARE THAT YOU MIGHT WANT TO SHOOT ME TO BITS

INTEREST-ING.
HARD TO BELIEVE THIS IS COMING FROM SOMEONE WHO WAS MESSING AROUND IN MY TERRITORY NOT TOO LONG AGO.

...

ONE POKER FACE TO ANOTHER

YOU DON'T LOOK IT

HYODO-SAN,

I DON'T WANT TO JOIN FORCES WITH SEIDOUKAI. I WANT YOU

YOU'RE A BRILLIANT MAN WHO CLIMBED THE RANKS AT SUCH A YOUNG AGE, SMART AND A SHARPSHOOTER PEOPLE TRUST YOU.

BUT DOESN'T THAT ALSO MEAN THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO DON'T TH NK MUCH OF YOU?

...

BRAT!

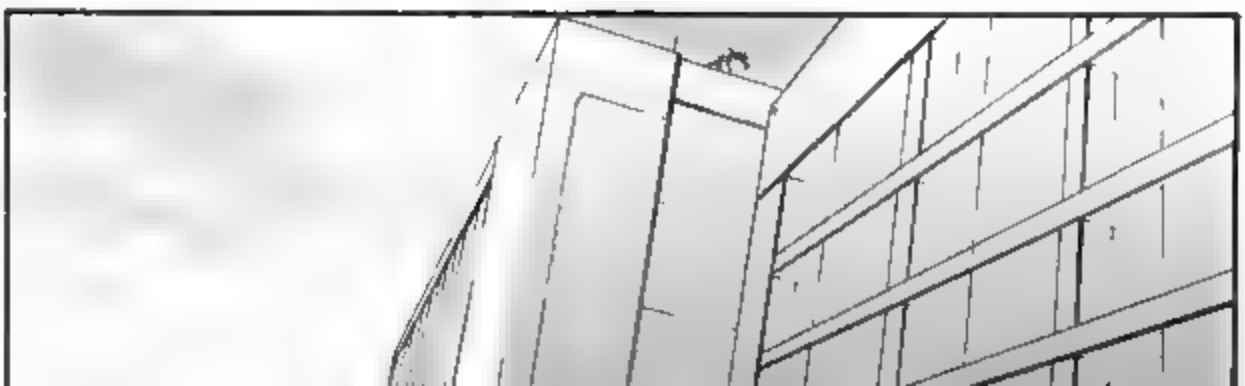
FOR THAT, YOU NEED SOLDIERS,
AND I CAN GET YOU AS MANY AS YOU WANT
SMILE
SOMEONE LIKE YOU CAN'T STAY WHERE YOU ARE!
YOU NEED TO MOVE UP!

YOU
NAKAMOTO, RIGHT?
...

I HAVE TO HAND IT TO YOU FOR HAVING THE GUTS TO COME HERE ALONE,
BUT YOU PICKED THE WRONG GUY

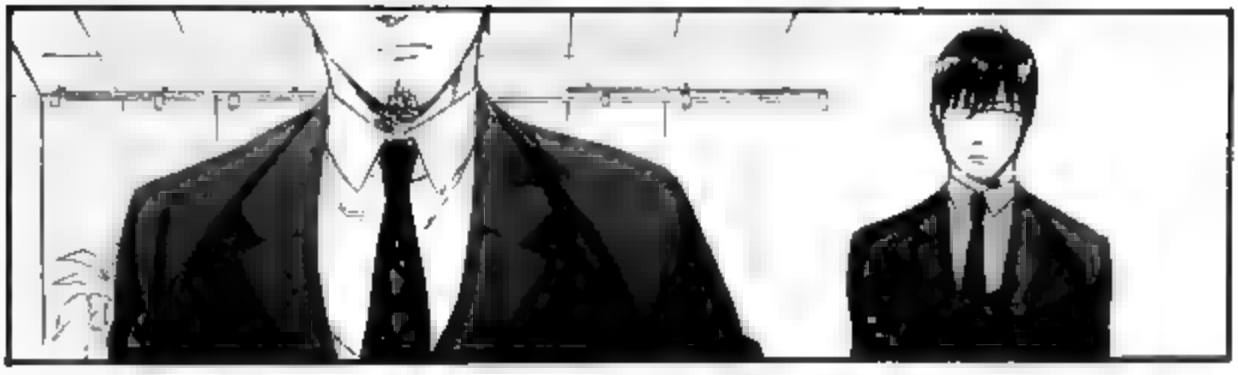
THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN OBVIOUS!
NOT INTERESTED?
NOPE
...
SILK
I SEE
SLAP
THAT'S TOO BAD
WHISPER
YOU SHOULD ALREADY...
...KNOW THIS..

I AM THE SEIDOUKAI EXECUTIVE, KAZUTAKA HYODO
NO IS NO. I DON'T CARE WHO IS BACKING YOU.
I DON'T WANT TO BE ANYTHING ELSE.



SLIDE
HOW DID IT GO?
CLICK
PRETTY GOOD
OH.
SLIDE
I MEAN, I LIKE HIM.
SWAY
THE SEED HAS BEEN PLANTED.

THIS WILL BE INTERESTING,
WON'T IT, HYODO-SAN?



!
YES?
...
ODAJIMA.
WHOOSH

FIND OUT ABOUT NAKAMOTO EVERYTHING.
YES.

THERE'S SOMETHING GOING ON
...
...
.K!
RUMOR HAS IT THAT THE SNAKE IS CONNECTED WITH SOMEONE HUGE.
SO SEIDOUKAI ISN'T TOUCHING THEM. THEY CAN'T TOUCH THEM.
YUKI!
HUH?
OH, WHAT?
WHAT'S UP? YOU ZONED OUT.
YEAH
NOTHING

YOU THINK SO?
...
IT'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH US!
...
ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT WHAT RYOJI SAID?
!
TSK
WHY ARE YOU ALL WORKED UP?
TET-SU,
!
I SAID IT'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH US!
WE ARE HYODO'S--
IT'S NOT "NOTHING"

LET'S NOT GET INVOLVED WITH THEM ANY MORE
STEP
WE SHOULDN'T GO TO THE IMMIGRANT DISTRICT FOR A WHILE EITHER
STEP
...
WHO GIVES A FUCK ABOUT THE MAFIA?
WE SHOULD JUST USE THEM AND TOSS THEM AWAY!
...
YEAH.
YOU'RE RIGHT.
RUMBLE
RUMBLE

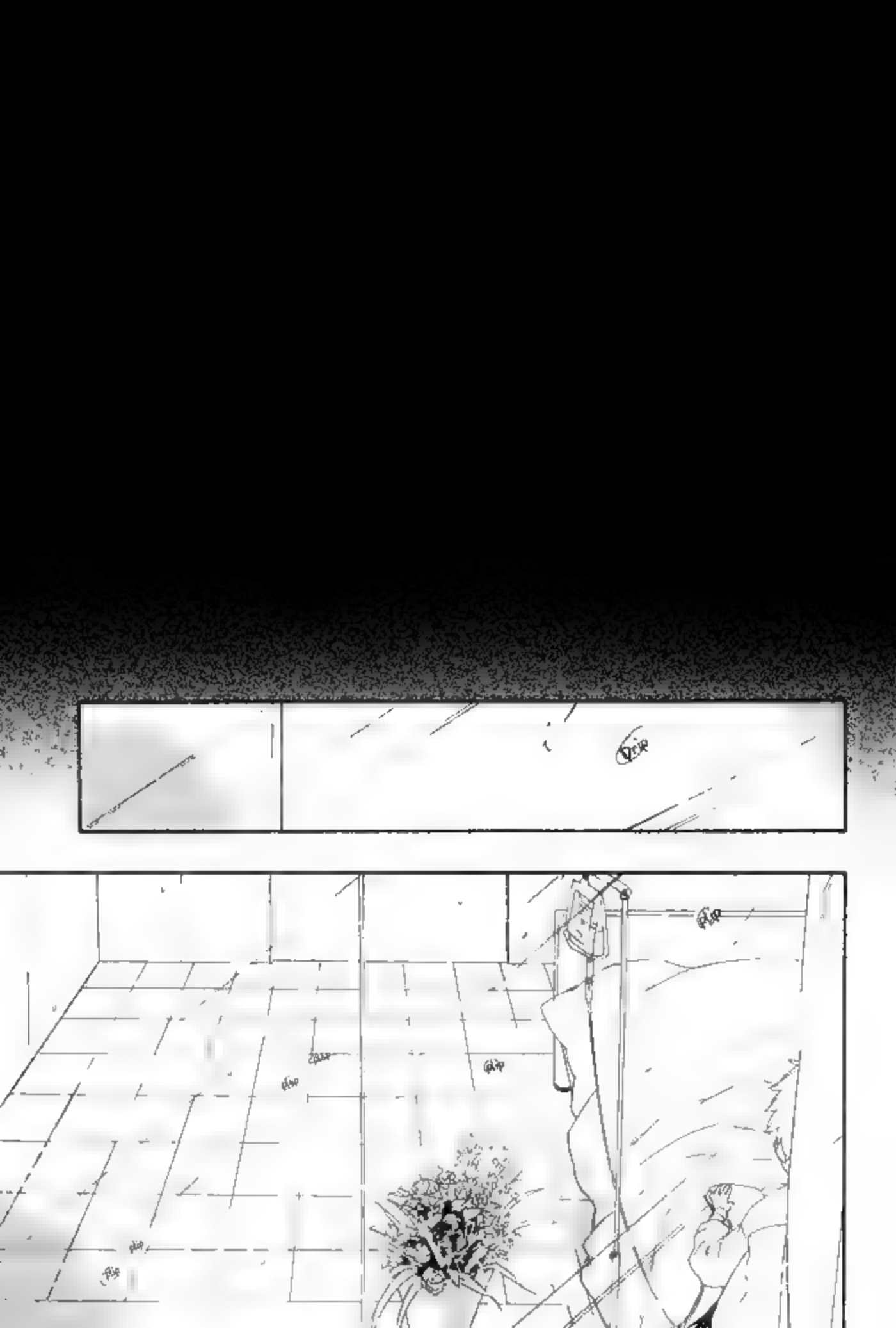
BOO

I'M THE WORST
I KEEP GETTING JEALOUS.
SIGH.
CRE!!
...
CRASH
PUNCH
SO STUPID..
Sigh
I feel even more de-pressed.
A DRUNK?
WHOA WHAT THE HELL S THAT ?
GO DIE, HUH!!
YOU FUCK-ING SHIT!
KICK
KICK
DON'T TALK TO ME, YOU SHIT!

SIGH
GO BACK TO SLEEP
IDIOT!
KICK
HUH? ARE YOU ASLEEP ALREADY?
..
SWING
WHAT THE..? YOU SHOULD GO TO SLEEP
STUMBLE
STUMBLE
TRIP
STUMBLE
OH
MUMBLE
MUMBLE
MUMBLE
MUMBLE

SHIT!
JOLT
ぶるぶる
?
HUH?
WE'VE GOT A PROBLEM, YUKI
UM, YEAH
THE GRANDMA HERE IS SO SLOW AT THE REGISTER
SORRY IT TOOK ME SO LONG
SIGH
SIGH

?!
YUKI?
...
YUKIO..
IS THAT YOU?
YUKIO!



ZAAAA
IT'S RAIN-INGS...
...
BROTHER

#04
STRIGER
...
YUKIO

SCUFF
..I'D RUN INTO YOU AGAIN OUT HERE
NEVER THOUGHT..
FLINCH
YUKI?!
HEY, YUKI!
YUKI,
THAT GUY
DO YOU KNOW HIM?

"I'LL KILL YOU!"

STEP
...
HAS IT BEEN THREE YEARS?
I'VE MISSED YOU.
YUKIO

#04

SHIELD
WHO ARE YOU?!
WHA.
..
TSK
STOP IT, TETSU!
HUH?
...
Swoosh
TSK!

...
chuckle
!!
KRAK
YUKIO,
HOW'S JUN?

...
Chuckle
?!
Gulp
YOU.
...BAS-
TARD!
Woosh
IF.
IF YOU TOUCH JUN...
IF YOU TOUCH JUN, I'LL FUCKING KILL YOU!

YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED AT ALL, YUKIO.
STEP
...
Chuckle
IS THAT SO?
YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN LIKE THAT
STEP
CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT HIM, HUH?
YOU'RE STILL CLINGING TO JUN HUH?
STEP
YOU ENDED UP OBEYING ME
JUST LIKE THAT,

DON'T TELL ME...
Shake
Squeeze
..YOU'VE FORGOTTEN..
..THE GOOD OLD TIMES?
..FUCK ARE YOU DOING?!
!
WHAT THE...
THUD

YOU.
BRAT!
Y-
YUKI!
YUKI, LET'S GO!
Shove
AW
THAT HURT

"I'LL KILL YOU!"

YUKI!

...
!!
YUKIO!
DON'T YOU FORGET!
YOU ARE HOPE-LESSLY...
...FILTHY!

ISN'T THAT RIGHT,
YUKIO?
DON'T BOTHER TRYING TO LIVE A CLEAN LIFE LIKE A NORMAL PERSON!
!
..
Ha
HEH.

Ha
Ha
Ha
RUMBLE
W-
WHAT..
Ha
WHO THE FUCK WAS THAT?!
YUKI,
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
Ha
Ha

YUKI!
!
AH.
YEAH ..
...
YUKI...
WHO IS HE TO YOU?
?
THREE YEARS AGO.. THAT'S BEFORE WE MET..
IT'S NONE OF YOUR FUCKING BUSINESS!

AH!
...
WHA..
..
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?!
NONE OF MY BUSINESS?
HOW MUCH DO YOU THINK I...
I.
I.
...
YOU HAVE NO IDEA...
...
...HOW MUCH YOU 'MEAN TO ME

...
I'M SORRY...
...
Pour
...
HE S
HE..
HE'S.
!

HE IS JUN'S..
FATHER
EH?

AUGH!
I LOST!
...
SHIT
CLATTER
CLATTER
YOU ALWAYS LOSE TO THE BOSS WHEN YOU PLAY CHESS, BUT YOU CAN SURE PLAY SHOGI, HUH?
YOU'RE A REAL SHITHEAD, YOU KNOW THAT?!
GAH!
MAYBE YOU SUCK
!!
IF YOU WEREN'T BOSS'S FAVORITE,
POUT
...
WHAT-EVER

SILENCE
I'D
..
HE'S SO QUIET TODAY
WHAT THE FUCK?
CLICK
!
WHY THE HELL DOES THE BOSS FAVOR THIS BRAT?
CAN'T FIGURE IT OUT

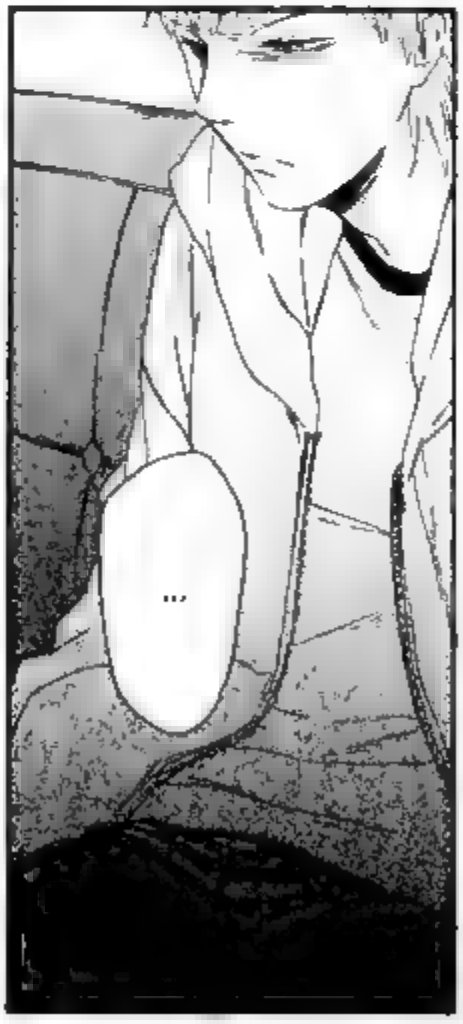
Kacc!
GOOD DAY,
BOSS!
UH-HUH
BOSS!
..
AH,
YOU'RE HERE TODAY
...
NOT BY CHOICE
Every time...
WHAT ARE YOU GUYS..

AND? DID YOU SHOW HIM?
AH.
NO. THAT'S..
GETTING PRETTY CHUMMY, HUH?
NO!
NO!
IT'S JUST...
I JUST WANTED TO SHOW HIM...
HERE
Woosh
IT WAS.. SO CLOSE!
I LET HIM WIN BY A TINY MARGIN
STEP
REALLY, I JUST THOUGHT I'D BE THE MATURE ONE AND LET HIM WIN, YOU KNOW?
...
HUH?
STEP

...
Gulp
OPEN
He's not even listening.
Creak
I
IT'S JUST WATER
THERE'S NOTHING ELSE IN IT
...
WHAT?
DRINK IT

..
...
SMASH
DROP
ANYWAY YOU JUST DON'T WARM UP,
DO YA?
DO I LOOK LIKE A CAT OR A DOG,
GRRRR
DUDE?

...
...
CATS AND DOGS DON'T HAVE FILTHY MOUTHS LIKE YOU.
Lean
I THINK HE'S WARMING UP A BIT, BOSS.
N-
NO!
I WAS TRYING TO GET OUT OF THE RAIN!
CLATTER
!
THIS GUY.
.WAS IN FRONT OF THE SHOP BEFORE WE OPENED.



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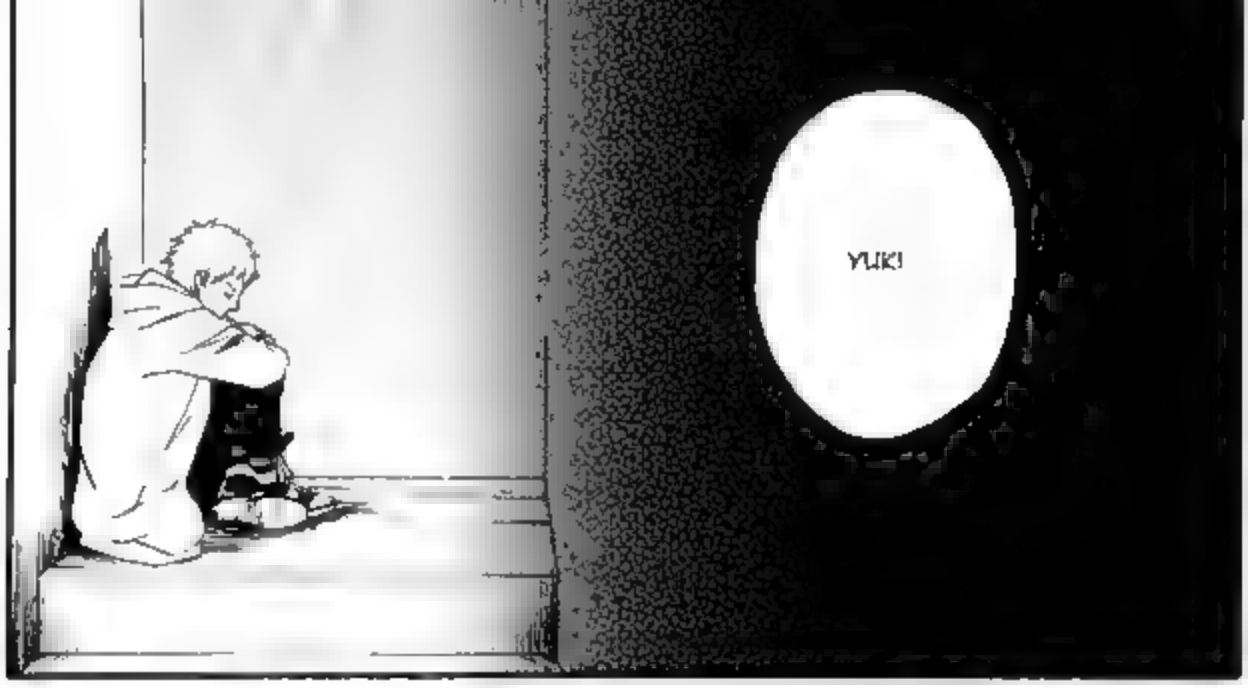
WHATEVER

STAY UNTIL THE RAIN IS OVER
pouring
...
"HE IS.
..JUN'S FATHER."

WA.
...
?!
WAIT THEN...
..HE'S YOUR..
NO.
EH?
WE'RE HALF-BROTHERS.
JUN AND I
I CAN'T BELIEVE HE'S JUN'S FATHER
THAT ASSHOLE

WHAT'S THE DEAL?
WHY DION'T YOU SAY ANYTH NG?


YUKI

WHY IS IT HIM AGAIN?

WHY?

I DON'T WANT THEM TO KNOW

NO MORE..
NOT TO TETSU OR EVERYONE ELSE
I DON'T WANT TO GO BACK.
TODAY
I DON'T THINK I CAN KEEP MY COOL
!
WHY..
..HAVEN'T YOU GONE HOME YET?
STEP

...
SIP
AHH
DOESN'T LOOK LIKE IT'S GOING TO LET UP
SHAKE
..
DON'T YOU
. HAVE A CAR?
...
AREN'T YOU..
..IMPOR-TANT OR SOME-THING?

...
...
WELL,
LUCKY FOR ME,
DON'T LIKE CARS,
...
I HAVE LEGS,
THAT'S ENOUGH, DON'T YA THINK?
AND AN UMBRELLA.
SNAP

?!
WHAT?
WANNA SHARE MY UMBRELLA?
WHAT?
..
COVER
HELL NO!
HEY
SPLASH
SPLASH
SPLASH
...
SPLASH

DON'T CATCH A COLD.
ACHOO!
WHA...
N-
..
NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS!

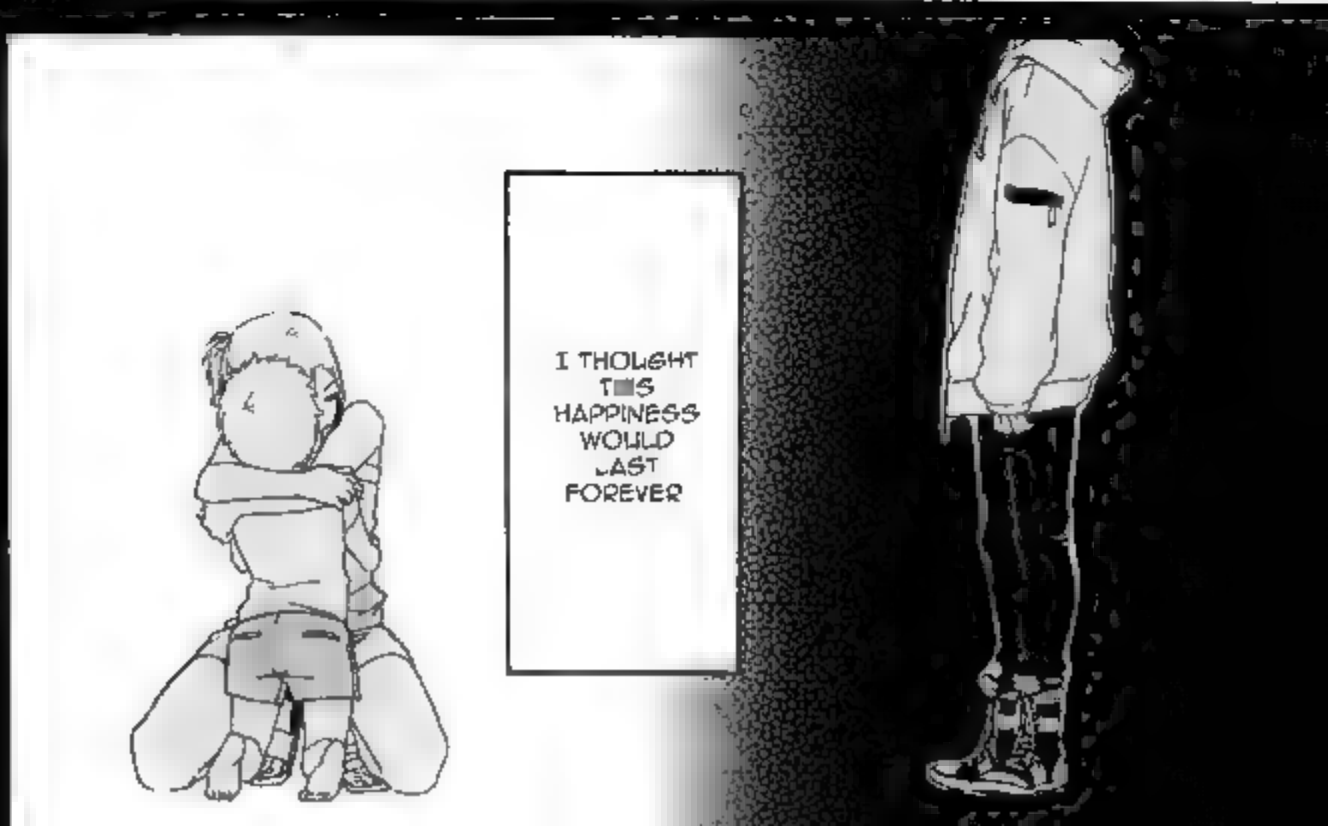
..
SPLASH
NONE OF MY BUSINESS.
HUH?
SPLASH
...

#05

UM.
HUH?
WHAT'S UP?
TURN AROUND, SIT DOWN, AND CLOSE YOUR EYES!
TSUBAKI!
WHAT?
WHY?
COME ON.
YOU CAN OPEN YOUR EYES!
HERE

IT'S FOR ME?
WOW!
HOW PRETTY!
YEAH
HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MOM.
..
WHOA!
HUG
YUKI!
THANK YOU!
I'LL CHERISH IT! I LOVE IT THE MOST AFTER YOU!

BACK THEN,



FOREVER..
..DOESN'T EXIST
YO,
YUKIO

Jump
STOP!
...
SHIT!
chirp
chirp
chirp

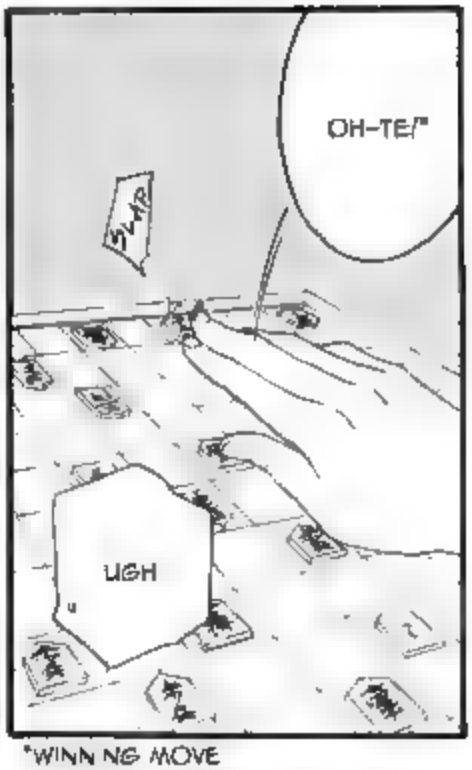
...
SLAP
SLAP
SHIT
WIPE
GET IT TO-GETHER!
...
KNOCK KNOCK
RIGHT
STING
STING
!
CLANK

...
IT'S SUNNY!
LET'S DO LAUNDRY!
WHA..
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT?
I-
IT'S ALL IN YOUR HEAD.
AT THOSE BAGS UNDER YOUR EYES
...
HOLD ON.
I'LL GO GET MINE
SMILE

IN ANY CASE,
THE CRAP THAT HAP-PENED YESTERDAY
TOO NORMAL
NORMAL
WHY DID I SPEND ALL NIGHT WORRY-ING ABOUT HOW TO TALK TO HIM?
SHUT
...
EVEN IF I FORCED IT OUT OF HIM,
IT WOULD BE LIKE REOPENING HIS WOUNDS,
SO I THINK...
THE ONLY THING I CAN DO RIGHT NOW
BUT
..IN THE END, I CAN'T ASK HIM ANY-THING

I KNOW IT'S PATHETIC,
...IS STAY BY HIS SIDE AND KEEP HIM SAFE
BUT FOR NOW, THAT'S ALL I CAN DO

IT WOULDN'T KILL YOU TO LET AN OLD MAN WIN SOME-TIMES
TSK, YOU STILL KICK ASS.
AGE HAS NO RELEVANCE IN THIS GAME


OH-TE!"
SLAP
UGH

*WINN NG MOVE

YOU DIDN'T CALL ME HERE
..JUST FOR A GAME OF SHOGI, DID YOU?

MUMBLE
TSK UPTIGHT BAS-TARD
CHAIRMAN,

CHIRP
CHIRP
CHIRP
CHIRP
...
ISN'T THERE SOMETHING ELSE YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT?

NEXT YEAR, I'M THINKING ABOUT LETTING MY SON TAKE OVER THE CLAN.

NO ONE.
CAN FIGHT OLD AGE.

MASATSUGU-SAN?
YEAH

SEIDOH-KAI HAS GOTTEN A LITTLE TOO BIG.
IT'S A BIT MUCH FOR AN OLD MAN
YOU DON'T AGREE?
RIGHT
NO
I CAN'T THINK OF ANYONE ELSE TO TAKE OVER THE CLAN.
...
HEY, HEY THEN I'D HAVE TO FIGHT MY BROTHER FOR THAT POSITION,
..OR YOU, HYODO
!
I THINK...
..IT'S EITHER H M...

HE'S RIGHT.
THAT'S NOT FUNNY
BUT IT'LL NEVER HAPPEN.
NOT FUNNY, MASATSUGU-SAN
AND SEIDOH-KA WILL FALL APART FROM WITHIN
ALL OF MY OLD MAN'S HARD WORK WOULD BE WASTED.
OF COURSE NOT.
RIGHT, HYODO?
HUH
CHIRP CHIRP
YOU TWO ARE THE GLUE THAT HOLDS THE CLAN TOGETHER
MASATSUGU STANDS ON THE FOUN-DATION I BUILT,
AND HIS RIGHT HAND MAN WILL BE...

YOU WOULDN'T TURN ME DOWN, WOULD YA?
...
THAT WILL BE YOU, HYODO.
!
...
YOU SAVED ME FROM MY WILD WAYS
I'VE NEVER FORGOTTEN THAT.
SWISH

I WILL SERVE THE CLAN

UNTIL THE DAY I DIE,

"FOR THE CLAN,"
HUH?
YOU SHOULD HAVE SAID, "FOR MASATSUGU-SAN,"
HYODO-CHAN.

NO, THANKS.
YOU'D LIKE THAT, WOULDN'T YOU?
OF COURSE,
IT WOULD BE NICE ♡
...
...
THE TRUTH IS,

FATHER'S GETTING ON IN YEARS.
HIS BODY IS AG NG.
HE USED TO BE ALL ABOUT DOMINATING AND WINNING
BUT NOW HE'S JUST A KIND GRANDPA.
...
IT'S ABOUT TIME I GUESS.

VROOM
HOW WAS THE CHAIRMAN?
..
...
YEAH, HE WAS PRETTY SPRY
Ha ha...
WELL, THAT'S GOOD.
VROOM
...
BOSS?

SORRY?
NOTH-
ING.
WHAT A
SHITHOLE,
THIS
TOWN.

NOTHING
HAS
CHANGED
...

BY THE
WAY, ABOUT
NAKAMOTO...

...

HE'S BEEN VISITING WANG'S SHOP PRETTY OFTEN IN THE PAST FOUR MONTHS,
BUT WE CAN'T FIND ANY FURTHER INFORMATION
WE EVEN CHECKED IMMIGRATION RECORDS, BUT THERE WAS NOTHING ON HIM.
...
WANG HAS THE ANSWER.
ALIAS?
MOST LIKELY
WANG...
I HOPE THIS DOESN'T GET COMPLICATED.

SORRY I COULDN'T COME YESTERDAY, JUN
IT'S FINE
IT WAS POURING
I KNEW YOU COULDN'T MAKE IT.
...
OKAY
...
AH,
I COULDN'T BRING YOU A NEW BOOK, EITHER
BROTHER
I'M SORRY.

THERE IS NOTHING YOU NEED TO APOLOGIZE FOR
NOTHING.
!
YOU'VE BEEN APOLOGIZ-ING ALL DAY
I'M FINE
..MOM'S NECKLACE..
WHEN I LOOK AT IT LIKE THIS,
IT GETS ALL WARM.
WHEN YOU CAN'T COME,
I DO MISS YOU, BUT..

REALLY.
IT MAKES ME FEEL SAFE
...
OKAY
IT'S PROOF THAT...
...MOM IS WATCHING OVER YOU.

...
...
JUN?
JUN!
..

STEP
IS THERE A KID NAMED YUKIO AROUND HERE?
HEY!
HUH?
TATTERED
16 OR 17 PALE.
SHORT, BROWN HAIR
HE HANGS WITH A BLACK-HAIRED KID WITH GLASSES
...
MEOW

YOU KNOW MONEY
IT'S ONLY PROPER WHEN ASKING A QUESTION.
IF YOU DON'T HAVE MONEY, THEN GET THE..
MONEY
HUH?
THUD
I-
I DON'T KNOW HIM!
IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A KID, GO TO WAKKJSABBU IN THE THIRD DISTRICT
...
ALL THE KIDS HANG OUT THERE

CLACK
...
HUH?
..
CLACK
CLACK
CLACK
...
CLACK
CLACK
WAIT FOR ME, YUKIO

I NEED TO RETURN SOMETHING YOU LOST
TETSU.
YUKI.
HOW'S JUN?
OKAY, JUST A FEVER
THEY PUT THE OXYGEN MASK ON HIM AND HE'S SETTLING DOWN.
I SEE

FOR YESTER-DAY
YOU DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING.
WELL, OF COURSE

THANKS TETSU
HUH?

!
YOU ACTED NORMAL THIS MORNING, TOO.

..I GOT YOU INVOLVED.

SEEMS LIKE...

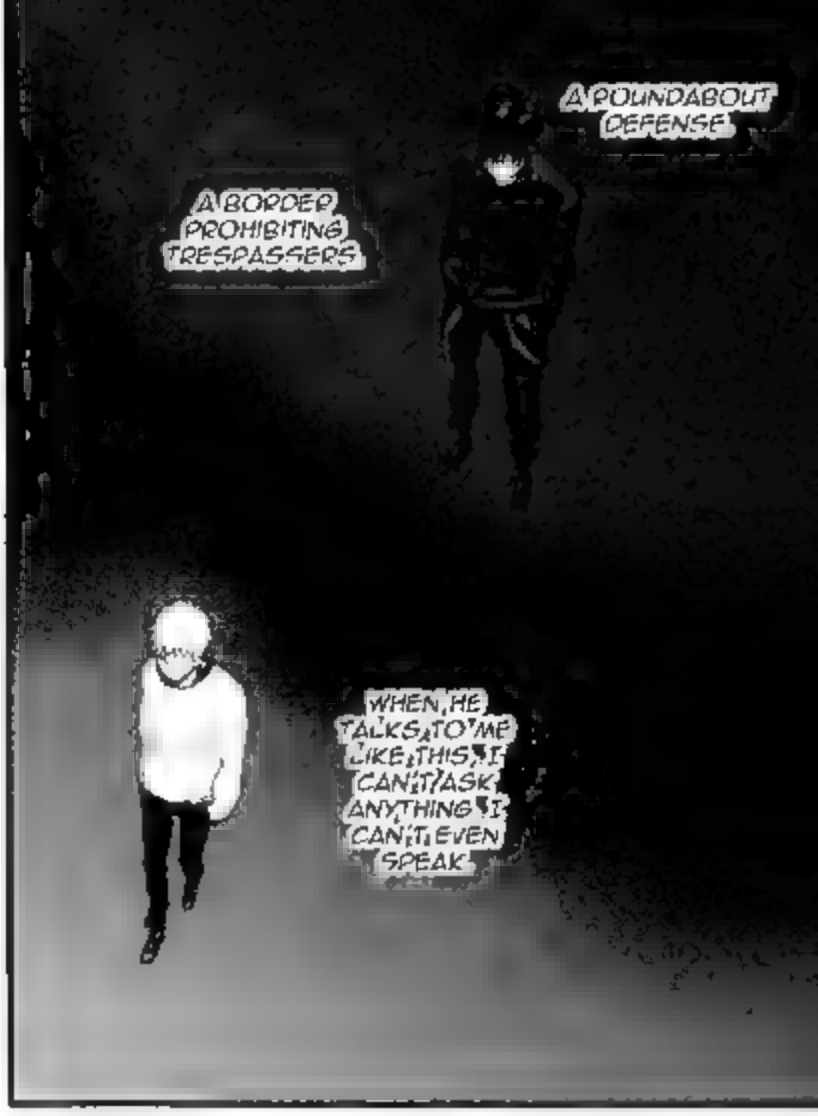
AM I THAT OBVIOUS?

I'M SORRY

I HAD HOPED...
THERE'S SO MUCH I DON'T WANT YOU TO KNOW
..TO HIDE IT FOREVER
I'M PATHETIC
..WHAT HE SAID IS TRUE
BUT
DO EVERYTHING HE WANTED.
I DID, INDEED,

I WAS JUST A KID
JUN WAS A BABY
THERE WEREN'T MANY OPTIONS FOR US TO SURVIVE
BEFORE THAT IT WAS HORRIBLE,
BUT I COULD GET THROUGH IT FOR JUN
THEN,
WE FINALLY RAN AWAY THREE YEARS AGO,
AND A SHORT WHILE LATER I MET YOU.
...
WHEN HE SMILES,

I'M SILLY, HUH?
SOMEHOW,
ALL THE BAD THINGS GO AWAY
I KNEW IT.
OH
WELL,
...
I GOT IT
THEN I'LL GO NOW
SINCE I'M A SILLY BRO,
I'M GOING TO STAY AT THE HOSPITAL TONIGHT
I WANT TO BE WITH HIM.
YUKI'S CREATED A NEW BARRIER.
HM-HMH


A POUNDABOUT DEFENSE
A BORDER PROHIBITING TRESPASSERS
WHEN HE TALKS TO ME LIKE THIS, I CAN'T ASK ANYTHING. I CAN'T EVEN SPEAK.

...MADE UP MY MIND.

...
BUT I'VE...

I'LL KEEP YOU SAFE...
...BY ANY MEANS NECES-SARY.

STEP

Beep
Beep
Beep

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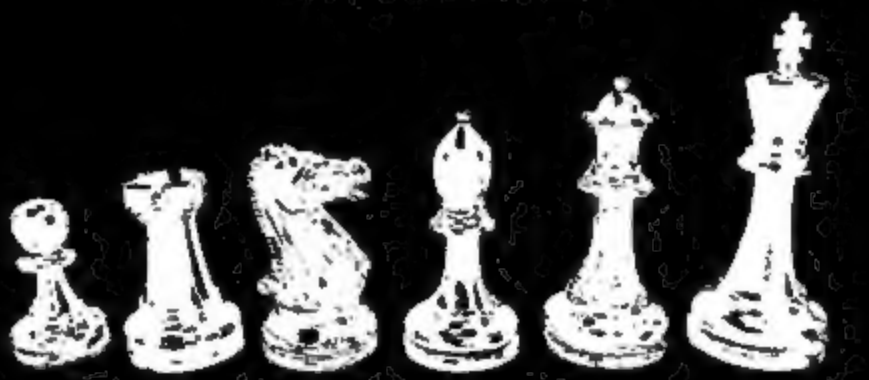

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